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Columbia University Dates Carbon Find Into Great Book of Mormon Period

Thomas Stuart Ferguson, L. D. S. attorney and president of the New World Archaeological Foundation, received a letter dated December 1, 1955 from the Lamont Geological Observatory, Department of Geology, Columbia University, stating that after using the highly technical carbon dating process upon a sample of carbon (charcoal) from Mexico sent them by Pres. Ferguson, they had found the sample to be approximatel 1700 years old.

This, of course, shows that the mass of burned wood (charcoal) was alive about 250 A.D., a highly important period in Book of Mormon annals.

Elder Ferguson explains that the carbon material was found last May in an archaelogical-dug trench near the town of Acala, Chiapas, on the Grijalva River. Prof. Edwin C. Shook of the Carnegie Institution made the discovery and collected the material into a quart jar with a sealed lid.

Prof. Shook was the expert who accompanied a N.W.A.F. pilot expedition in April , '55 surveying Chiapas, Southern Mexico for promising sites for later intensive digging by an archaelogical field expedtion properly equipped for long scientific excavations.

Such a field expedition of more than 50 men led by Dr. Heinrich Berlin is now in Acala at work which began in Chiapas de Corza in November 1955 and will continue until May 1956 when the rainy season begins.

The Messenger elsewhere on this page prints a report by Pres. Ferguson on the current work of N.W.A.F. excavation work.

'Good Teaching' Meet Welcomes All at U. of Calif.

Many LDS educators and over five hundred teachers from the Bay Area are expected at the Teacher Association's third annual "Good Teaching" conference at the University of California, Saturday March 3, 1956 beginning at 10 a.m.

Highlighting the one-day program will be such outstanding participants as D. S. K. Hayakawa and Dr. Theodore Reller of the University's department of school admin-

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MIA Division 12 Plans Festivals of Dance, Drama, Music; Athletics, Camping

On Sunday, January 8th, a division M.I.A. meeting was held in Oakland stake with ten of the twelve stakes represented. Supt. Kirk Decker of Berkeley conducted, assisted by Pres. Lorna Birchall of San Joaquin. Divisional leaders present were: Kenneth Jensen, athletics; Rhea Gustaveson, sports, camps and games; the R. F. Crabbs, dance directors, and Carmen Stephens, drama director. Plans were discussed and dates set for a divisional dance, drama and music festival, athletic events, a girl's volley ball tournament and two district camp leaders training institutes.

Attention Reporters, Bishops

All wards and branches of Palo Alto, San Francisco, Oakland and Berkeley Stakes are invited NOW to prepare and send to the Messenger, 1612 Spruce, Berkeley, their written histories with large photos (small if of special historical value) of their ward's signifi-

A Ten Year "Then and Now" Historical and Pictorial Survey of LDS Growth in the entire East and West S. F. Bay Area will appear in the enlarged 16-page March, April, May issues of the Messenger of Northern California. All this in honor of the Tenth Anniversary of the revival of the Messenger, April 1946. An enlarged classified business directory will also be included.

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Finds Bowls, Vases at Chiapa de Corzo

By Thomas Stuart Ferguson
President N.W.A.F.

The expedition of the New World Archaelogical Expedition which began digging in November 1955 has completed test excavations at Chiapa de Corzo and has moved campt to Acala, Chiapas, Mexico. At Chiapa de Corzo they encountered remains of numerous buildings made of various building materials, including stone, cement, and adobe. Large quantities of ancient ceramics were also recovered, including a number of excellent complete bowls, vases and dishes. Dr. Heinrich Berlin dates the major occupation of the place at a time period between 400 A.D. and the birth of Christ—which in Book-of-Mormon terminology, would be the closing centuries of

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1956 Stake Conferencees - Four Local Stakes

(For cutting out and preserving for reference)

San Francisco		Oakland		Palo Alto		Berkeley	
Jan.	7-8	Feb.	18-19	Feb.	25-26	Feb.	11-12
March	17-18	May	5-6	May	1-2	April	28-29
June	2-3	Sept.	1-2	Sept.	8-9	Aug.	25-26
Sept.	29-30	Nov.	17-18	Nov.	24-25	Oct.*	13-14

* Special programs for the 10th Birthday of Stake

Sunday School Librarian Outlines Goals For Teaching Aids Materials

By Gertha Brown
Berkeley Stake Librarian

Instructional materials centers either stake or ward, will house and circulate supplementary teaching materials such as maps, globes, charts, flat pictures, books, magazines pamphlets, phonograph records, flannel board cut-out, and stand-up figures, at least. Chart holders, groove, flannel, chalk and bulletin boards, primary typewriter, phonagraph, tape recorder art and writing materials should be in the ward library, easily accessible to teachers.

Equipment to project materials should be provided such as 16 m. m. projectors, a combination filmstrip and slide projector and an opaque projector. Not by one ward, but on a stake basis they could be in constant use by all ward organizations. Films can be circulated rapidly and inexpensively through

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Mayor Christopher Guest Speaker

San Francisco's new mayor George Christopher will be the guest speaker at the anniversary celebration of scouting in America at the Balboa-Sunset ward chapel, 22nd Ave., and Lawton, Sunday evening, February 5th at 7 p.m.

Youth movements including scouting are of special interest to Mayor Christopher. Famous personalities appear throughout the nation during this Boys' Scout Week. We are honored to have the mayor of San Francisco at our great program.

U. C. Students attending the LDS Institute, Berkeley, California. Picture Posed in front of Campanile December 1955
Front Row left to right: B. Clark, Dick Parker, Michelle Nix, Navee Newby, Kirma Kenner, Lee Kramer, Diana Madsen, Gean Reiche, Carla Burmeister, Mary Kenner.
Second Row left to right: Delene Ockey, D. Knotts, Myrna Morgan, Joyce Conklin, Joyce Morgan, Kay Franz, Stece Kovacich, Mildred Anderson, Betty Lou Borg.
Third Row left to right: Tom Brooks, Bessie Norberg, A. Everett, Gene Nichols, Chad Smith, Charles Bursell, Don Biery, Dorothy Price, Welby Bigelow, Blaine Larson Crowther.
Fourth Row left to right: Frank Rosbach, Charles Wahlen, Mary Simons, Carolyn Braby.
Fifth Row: Frank Willard, Walter Horn, Shirley Horn, Austin Smith, Marvin Follett, Sharon Jenson, Don Prince, Dale Stallings.
Sixth Row; Bob Gamblin, Jim Light, Laureen Seemiller, Mary Stott, Gene Higbee, Ralph A. Higbee, Rexine Gardner.
Seventh Row left to right: Noal Stevenson, Eric Biederman, Jim Wotherspoon, Jim Ward, Robert Clark, Bob Knighton, Willard Bradshaw.

Alameda

Libraries Growing In Ward

By Amelia Everett

The Wendell and Elnora Jensen family have the largest home library of LDS church books, besides many other fine books, in Alameda Ward. Perhaps the Oscar and Mildred Fontano library comes next. Although Bishop Bangerter has many books here, some are still in Utah.

Each auxiliary has its own library. Relief Society has a set of Church histories, magazines and other books. Junior Sunday School and Primary libraries are the most constantly used for their visual aids and art materials.

Ralph Lane has graciously made and installed racks to take care of the books and and has also stamped each with the name of our ward.

Alameda City's main library has the Book of Mormon and 51 other books under the title "Mormon". They are mostly historical and biographical.

The YMMIA has a change in leadership: Walter Napoleon is superintendent; Dick Stam, and Marshall Ihrig, counseors.

Bishop Bangerter and his wife, Hazel, made a trip to Utah to attend the funeral of Hazel's brother, Frank Meads. Hazel was taken to the hospital Jan. 9. She is now at home.

Evelyn Fontano, wife of Oscar, Jr., is in the hospital.

Lloyd Gheen had an automobile accident on his way to Utah, before Christmas. Unconscious ten hours, he has nothing worse than a scar on his forehead!

Marshal Ihrig is back from Washington D. C. in time to start the new genealogy class. He and his wife visited the L.A. Temple.

The Gustaveson family visited the L.A. Temple; also Mr. and Mrs. Murray.

New teaches in the Relief Society are Delora Phew, theology; and Mildred Fontano, social science.

Oakland Second Ward

J. E. Drushell Added To Ward Bishops

By Joanne White

With a feeling of loss we note the departure of the Ted Mudge family from the ward. Their absence will be felt in every auxiliary. J. E. Drushell has joined the bishopric as second counselor. Brother N. C. Brown is now first counselor.

Sister Jean Virtel has been called as Primary president with Sisters Lucille Gore and Olive Esplin as her counselors.

A vote of thanks tn the Mudge family, and to the former Primary presidency, Ruth Rounds, Marge Mudge, and Jean Virtel.

As this goes to press Oakland Second ward have every reason to be proud of our basketball team. They are holding fast to second place and reaching for first. Good luck boys!

Helen Anderson Sends Greetings

Helen Anderson formerly of Oakland Stake where she and Andy, her late husband once resided, writes from her home in Salt Lake words of greetings to old friends. She has just returned home after three weeks in the hospital recovering from effects of a fall. She says she enjoys keeping track of her friends thru the Messenger. Her address is 71 South 12th East, Salt Lake.

Wedding Bells

Claremont: Scott Norwood and Barbara Ann Brown were married in San Diego January 28. Scott, a recent convert, attended the LDS Institute last year while at the U.C. The Brown and Norwood families are old friends.

Oakland Second: Wedding bells rang for Betty Jo Troub and Bill Atkins on Jan. 27, at the Mesa temple. They are living in Oakland second ward.

Pleasant Hill: Beverly Elder chose Dec. 31 for her wedding to Emmett Dwight Hodge. The ceremony was performed by Bishop Joseph Roy Hilton. The young couple will live in Vallejo.

Castro Valley: Merlin Blackburn, and the former Geraldine Baldwin were married by Bishop Herman Christensen, Dec. 22.

Alameda: All may not have heard it, but last June our Gary William Powell married Deborah Ann Olsen of Beverly Hills. Both are "Cal" grads where Gary was yell leader.

Engagements

Alameda Ward: Three Engagements were recently announced:

Marlene Jensen to Robert Hearther. Both are seniors at the Univesity of California, he in business administration and Marlene in speech.

Caroline Gustaveson, daughter of Charles and Rhea, to Larry Blake.

Jerry Wilcox to Janet Hockins.

Oakland Third Ira and Cloe Call of Oakland Third Ward announce the engagement of their daughter, Rosalind L. Call, to David Estrada of Mexico City. They met while attending the BYU. Rosalind is studying at the University of Mexico at the present for one term to learn the language. She and David plan to return to the "Y" next semester. Date of the wedding has not been set.

Births

San Leandro: To Jack and Helen Davis, a son born Dec. 17. To Mr. and Mrs. F. A. King, a son.

Martinez Ward: To Rudy and Pamela Korth, a son, December 20.

Alameda Ward: To Wayne and Fae Johnson, a girl, Wanda Yvonne, on Dec. 11.

Castro Valley: To Jack and Beverly Garbett, a son.

Oakland Second: To the Dr. Merle Morris', a son, James Richard, born Dec. 22.

Claremont: To Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hoard, a son, William, born Dec. 10.

Your Tooth Decay

Maynard K. Hine, D.D.S., Dean of the Indiana Univ. School of Dentistry writes: "It has been shown that childrn who are given a good, well-balanced diet which includes very little sugar will have a minimum of dental decay.

"Not long ago a dental examination was given to children from an orphanage which had a good nutritionist, and it was noted that the amonut of decay was very slight. However, in the group were a few children of the officials who had rampant decay. It was found that these were children of the officials who worked in the orphanage. Their diet was basically that of the orphans, but included more sweets."

Obituary

San Lorenzo George Croon, husband of Valiar Croon, passed away Dec. 5. Funeral services were held Dec. 10 at Robinson Mortuary, under the direction of Bishop Richard S. Smead.

Pleasant Hill Linton A. Buskirk died Jan. 11. He is survived by his son, Allen, and his wife, Ione Casto Buskirk. Since September 1955, Linton had been publisher of the Pleasant Hill News. Funeral services were at the Pleasant Hill-Walnut Creek ward chapel; interment was in the Sunset cemetery in Berkeley.

Castro Valley Brother Francis C. Cook passed away recently of a heart ailment.

Oakland Fifth Walter Adams, the father of Phyllis Warnick, passed away January 14th in Oakland. Funeral services were held January 17.

Oakland Third Brooks Dudley passed away in January. He was ward clerk, a recent convert, and typist in Braille.

San Leandro Ward

Banquet Starts New Stake Building Fund

By Lorna Beach

A ward banquet was held January 13, proceeds to be used for the Inter-Stake Church Center fund.

In January, 24 girls received 100% pin awards. This award program began 32 months ago and has grown from a membership of 4 girls to the present 24.

Sister Charlene Hathaway was recently sustained YWMIA counselor. Winnifred Heath was released with a vote of thanks.

Bishop Marcel F. Lauper recently returned from a business trip to to Cottey College in Missouri, and left immediately after graduation.

Pat Mueter represented San Leandro Ward at the stake speech festival. Pat received a scholarship Chicoga.

Colleen Calhoun was the only girl speaker in the groduation exercises of San Leandro high schonl. Colleen has been active in the drama department there.

A stork shower was given for Joy Fallentine by Pauline Ewald and Theda McAllister. Gladys Cheney and Viola Schipper were hostesses at a baby shower given for Ruth Wright.

Centerville Ward

Dinner Set, Feb. 3, For Building Fund

By Bernice Wilson

A dinner for the ward building fund has been set for Friday, Feb. 3, at the Hayward chapel at 7 p.m.

The building committee for the construction of the chapel is Dan Bodily, Ross Pugmire, Wayne McKinley and Jay Jibson. Our new building superintendent is R. O. Phelps.

The Special Intrest class is sponsoring a dance, Friday Feb .17, at 8:30 to be held at the Country Club for all adult members of the ward. Class is held regularly the first and third Wednesday of the month. Everyone is invited.

The Mutual is happy to welcome two new counselors for the YMMIA: Willis Bell and George Joneetz.

A TESTIMONY

Things Only God Knows

The passing on of Sister Louise Martha Muler in Switzerland while she was there with the Tabernacle choir as told in the Church News brought to Oscar Fontano's memory the fine Muller family, who were fellow converts from Switerland.

Oscar Fontano had migrated and was living in Utah with his wife and little children. Although he had employment as an electrician he was having a hard time because he didn't speak English very well.

One day as he walked up Main Street he met Ernest Muller who said to him, "Oscar, I have been wishing to see you. I have had a dream about you. You are having a hard time. Here are two small checks for you. Ashton and Jenkins Company just paid me for two jobs which I did for them."

"Oh no, Brother Muller; you will need it. It is yours", said Oscar.

"No, I must do as directed in my dream,' replied Ernest. "Mother, sister and I have plenty, and will not miss this. You take the checks to Ashton and Jenkins and they will cash them."

Ashton and Jenkins not only cashed the checks but gave Oscar an electrical wiring job. The Lord is mindful of his servants.

San Lorenzo Ward

Aaronic Priesthood Awards Made To 9

By Ruth Bigler

Individual awards for their year's work were presented January 15 to nine young men: Garry Smith, David Wilson, David Wimmer, Richard Tweedie, Jeffrey Tweedie, Kim Smith, Brian Hartley, Bill Marteley. and Jim Vastine. David Wimmer received his fourth award.

Our Guide Patrol, under Orville Ostler, performed their good deed for the season when they dug mud away from Sister Adrian Gee's home, after the flood. She had six inches of mud in her yard. ....

Our Scoutmaster, assistant, a committeeman, and 14 Scouts spent Friday and Saturday, Jan. 13, 14, on an overnight camp in Redwood Park to qualify for advancements. Court of Honor is scheduled for Feb. 5 and Tenderfoot investure, Feb. 8. Johnny Amsterdam was welcomed to our Scout troop Jan. 15.

Conferenc Box Lunches

Box lunches for stake quarterly conference sessions will again be provided by San Lorenzo ward between morning and aftrnoon meetings, Feb. 19.

Our ward's second anniversary was ceebrated by a majority of our members at a dinner and variety show, Jan. 28. Our building is going forward according to schedule: roof sheething is almost completed and the heating system is being installed.

We extend to you of the other wards an invitation to join us at our biulding site any evening or on Saturdays.

Our Scout troop charter was presented at sacrament meeting, Dec. 11..

The Ninth quorum of Elders welcomes as its presidency Russell Kern, president; Jack Hall and Howard Day, counselors; and Kay Richardson, secretary.

We are sorry to lose to other wards: Marguerita Fassler and her family; the Richard Nelsons and David Cummings.

The Don Smiths have arrived from Wachington D. C., and he is at work as secretary and advisor to the Senior Aaronic group.

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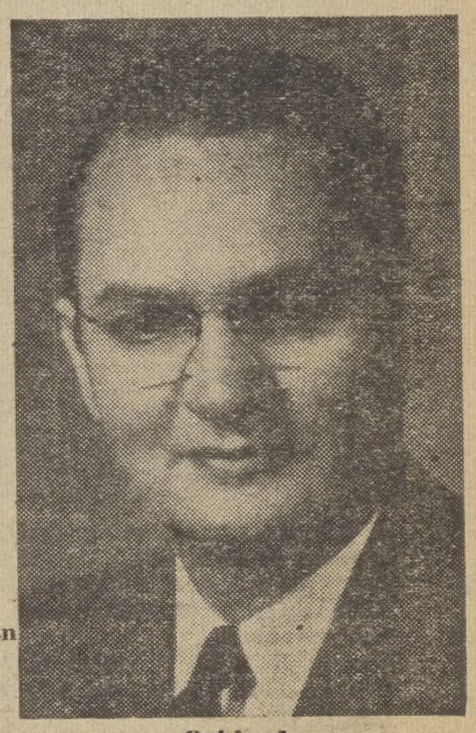

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Oakland Stake

Stake Family Party Proves Gala Affair

By Mildred Fontano

"A man is never alone who has the company of good books. Therefore think of building a home library of the best books."

The Oakland Stake "Family" party held Friday evening, January 20, in the Alameda chapel was a gala affair to all the stake officers and teachers who attended. The program, games and refreshments were the best.

The Relief Society lessons and instructions for February and March were given in the Union Meeting held Jan. 13, in San Leandro. Two new stake board members were introduced: Margaret Crowther, Oakland Second Ward, as organist and Melva Day, Castro Valley Ward, supervisor of the social science department.

Stake Relief Society president, Anna Bel Hart, entertained at a luncheon in honor of Myrtle Davidson, formerly of the stake board and now president of Hayward's Relief Society. Sarah Carruth, Della Swensen and Pearl Meinie were special guests.

Marlene Jensen Engaged

The Wendell Jensens of Alameda held open house Dec. 26, announcing the engagement of their daughter, Marlene, to Robert Hearther. Their traveling son, pianist Rollin Jensen was home. Also son, Lowell Jensen, and family of Berkeley Ward. Lowell is assistant district attorney and Rollin comes from New York City, being pianist for the grand opera star, Dorothy Warenskjold.

Daughters of Utah Pioneers held their county meeting at Mrs. Austin Rainey's, Jan. 26. An incomplete report of annual parties was recounted.

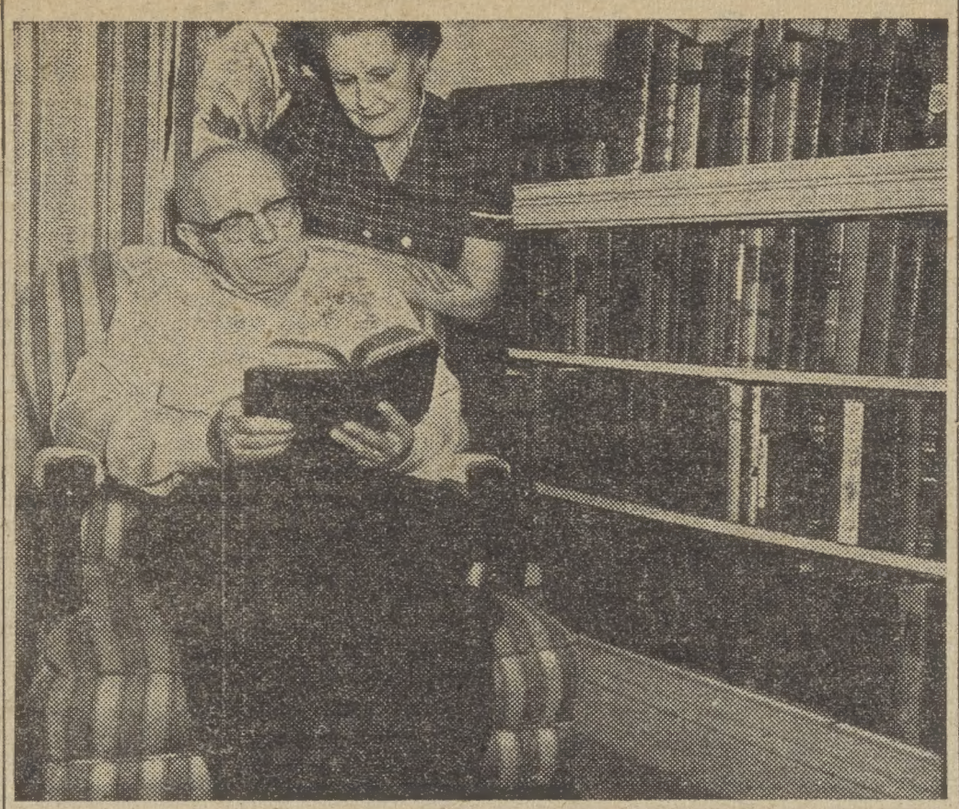
Reba Winkel recently returned from an extedned visit in Utah. She accompanied her son Tommy as far as the B.Y.U. where also are: George and David Pinkney, Kieth Stevens, Richard Phelps, Kay Brown, Mike Warnick, Barbara Hart, Joann Moody, Elizabeth and Dave Ferman, Dee Addis, Gloria Hallen, Harod Clayson, Nelson Reed and the Bramwell sisters, and others. Rosiland Call is studying Spanish at the University of Mexico.

Missionary Testimonial

A missionary testimonial was held in Oakland 5th Ward, Sunday, January 15, honoring Marlene Swensen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mariner Swensen. Marlene, who will labor in the French mission, is a graduate of the U.C. and an accomplished librarian.

Rulon Doxey, high councilman, has returned from the hospital where he had a bout with pneumonia. Ruth Hilton, after a major operation, is convelesing at the home of the Lyle Hiltons in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Dr. Eugene Hilton was home for a few days attending to business.

To Los Angeles Temple—The Ray Daniels of Oakland 3rd visited Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Carm (Afton Daniels) of Whittier and toured the Los Angeles temple. The Luke Robinsons and the Herbert Van Noys also were in Southern California and also had the pleasure of entering the temple.



Rufus Phelps Owns Large Home Library Of Religious And General Interest

High Councilor Rufus Phelps of Oakland Stake is a life-long book collector. His home library on Florida St., Oakland contains more than 500 bound volumes of general and Church interest.

When asked what caused his present book collecting practices, Elder Phelps said he had inherited some books and heirlooms and these had aroused his interest in biography and Church history in particular. From that beginning his interest in good books, and Church books in particular has blossomed down the years.

There is an old Bible published on parchment more than two hundred fifty years ago in 1750, which Elder Phelps purchased in England a few years ago while he and Sister Phelps were fiilling a two year mission in England. Another large family Bible with copious supplementary study material was willed to Sis. Phelps by her mother.

Other books in the home library of Elder Phelps include, Life of Joseph Smith, by George Q. Cannon, published in 1888; Writings from the Western Standard, by George Q. Cannon, 1864; Autobiography of Parley P. Pratt, 1888; History of the Conquest of Mexico, by William H. Prescott, 1865; The Works of Flavius Josephus, 1846; Early Days of Christianity, by Farrar; Life and Works of St. Paul, by Farrar; Times and Seasons, published in 1845.

Hard To Find

Among the more than five hundred books in the library are books that are hard to find as, Women in Sacred History, by Harriett Beecher Stowe, 1873; The Life of Christ, by Henry Ward Beecher, 1871; The Life of Christ, by Biovanni Papini and The Life of Christ, by Farrar.

Furthermore, there is seen in the Phelps home: History of Utah, 5 volumes by Orson F. Whitney; History of the Mormon Battalion, 1881; Comprehensive History of the Church, by B. H. Roberts; History of the Churcr, by Joseph Smith; Milner's History of the Church; Sozman's Ecclesiastical History; Mosheim's Ecclesiastical History, 1765 and Eusebius's Ecclesiastical History.

Millenial Star

Early volumes of the Millenial Star are incuded in this LDS library. One published in 1852. We have several old Bilbles, the oldest being published in 1649. Our oldest book of Mormon is the third edition, published in 1840.

There are numerous biographies and discourses and writings of all the leaders of the Church from the Prophet Joseph Smith to our present Prophet, David O. McKay.

We should list also Elbert Hubbard's complete works, and the original diary of great-grandfather Morris Phelps in his own handwriting. This man became the father of the wives of two apostle of the Church, namely Charles C. Rich and Amasa Lyman who in their time became the leaders and founders of tht Mormon Settlement of San Barnadino, California. In the book collection are also the complete poems of Emeline B. Wells, and of Orson F. Whitney, and 15 commentaries on the Book of Mormon.

Sunday School Libarian

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definite plan.

The Stake Library

The stake library should purchase materials or equipment which are more economical to buy on a central stake basis, and circulate them among the wards. Filmstrips fall into this classification because they are used maybe once a year by an individual class, that this fully-equipped library is the immediate goal, but a long-the ward may strive toward this. Some materials such as the 16 mm film could be deposited by the General Board on a regional basis and circulated by the stakes.

Ward Libraries

If the ward librarian has a good organization of workers, the work of establishing and attaining the maximum material for the library can be more easily met. A teacher will be able to call on the library for assistance and materials, thus enriching her lessons and making them more meaningful to the students.

Each ward in our stake has its own individual problems, but the librarians are meeting once a month in our preparation meeting and plan to solve some of the problems together. The stake librarian should act as a consultant and coordinator, assisting the wards with these problems. The teachers and librarians throughout the Berkeley Stake are aware that three conditions are necessary before learning can take place in the class: 1. there must be motivation, 2. goals must be clearly established and 3. concrete experiences must be available.

With two of these conditions, motivation and concrete experiences, the ward library will be in a position to assist the teacher. That is why the librarians are busy catologing, acquiring and processing materials, mounting pictures, setting up files and all of the other duties necessary to do if a good intructional materials center is located in their ward.

Berkeley's Goals

The Berkeley Stake Sunday School library is located at 3436 Wren Avenue Concord; telephone MUlberry 5-7505. The goal of the stake librarian, Gertha Brown, is that every ward Sunday School in the stake have a fully-equipped instructional materials library, supplemented by some items needed from time to time from the stake Sunday School library.

Attention Reporters

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ceint events.

Wanted are names of every ward bishopric member, and **every stake officer within the entire period,** April 1946-1956. Also every ward and quorum officer holding office in 1946; and also every ward and quorum officer holding office in 1956. Also the population growth figures, year by year; big events; significent pictures from every branch ward and stake in the area..

This pictorial history of the four stakes probably will be published in booklet form later in 1956 for sale at attractive prices, just sufficient to defray expenses.

Castro Valley Ward

Melvin Orgill Named Bishop's Counselor

By Nellemae Tanner

Melvin Orgill has been sustained as first counselor in the bishopric. Born at Egin, Idaho in 1924, Brother Orgill from 1947 to 1949 served as a missionary in Czechoslovakia. An accomplished violinist, he studied abroad, at which time he was active in Church work in Switzerland and Paris. Melvin and LaRee are parents of two fine sons.

Our heartfelt thanks and good wishes to Stanley Maynes, former first counselor. The family will move away shortly.

A welcome is extended to the following new workers: As Relief Society secretary, Kathryn Casanega; as Sunday School teachers, Dan Burbank, and also Donna Lou Vasser in the junior Sunday School.

Ravena Chugg was winner of the ward MIA speech contest, January 18.

Our ward choir, under the direction of Mel Orgill, is busily rehearsing numbers for the Oakland Stake Conference, Feb. 19th.

Let us all renew our efforts in the drive for funds for our new chapel. We are fast nearing our goal of paying for the property. Then construction may begin.

The Primary workers surprised Clara Scheuller, Primary Children's Friend director, with a house warming at her new San Lorenzo home. Clara was given a mahagony what-not shelf and a potteed plant.

ARE YOU INTERESTED ....

The Brigham Young University has announced a 1956 summer schedule of foreign tours which are open to the public.

Several Bay area saints have been on former tours with BYU, among them being Joseph C. Eyring of Berkeley high council, who thus went around the world last summer.

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Elder Don Van Noy Writes From Holland

Elder Don L. Van Noy of Oakland Third, writes from Holland in mid December that Christmas celebration among the Dutch seems to come early because they exchange gifts Dec. 5 and hold December 25 for a more religious observance for parties.

Don spent the first nine months of his mission in Belgium a Catholic-dominated and therefore religiously close-minded country. However before leaving for the Hague the elders were able to baptize five converts. Don speaks of families of five in Belguim living in one small room of filth, of their fear of losing their jobs if seen entertaining Mormons, of thousands without faith in God and point to their wallets and say, "There is my God, mister."

Elders Peterson and Kimball of the Twelve visited the mission and with mighty power did much good. The Tabernacle Choir's concert in Amsterdam was a sell-out. By their singing the choir amazed the critics and broke down great walls of prejudice.

Don sends New Year's greetings to all friends.

124 LDS Books In Oakland Library

Among the total of approximately 124 books in the main Oakland Public Library, the following are typical:

The Holy Bible, Book of Mormon, Priesthood and Church Government, Sacred Scriptures and Religious Philosophy, Story of the Church, The Heart of Mormonism, The Story of the Mormon Pioneers, The Vision, The Degrees of Glory, Prophecies of Joseph Smith and their Fulfillment, The Presidents of the Church, Science and Belief in God, Wonders of the Universe, Essentials in Church History, The Progress of Man, and the Way to Perfection.

Other books on Mormonism in the Oakland Main Library are: Mormons and Mormonism, Jacob Hamblin, the Peacemaker, Joseph Smith, an American Prophet, Women of the Mormon Church, and The Fruits of Mormonism.

Oakland Stake Social Calendar

Jan.	20	Fri.	Teen Gold & Green (BeeHive & Scouts) Party	Oakland 3rd 8:00 to 10:30
Jan.	24	Tues.	Tues. Stake Speech Contest	Oakland Ward 7:30
Feb.	31	Tues.		
Feb.	1	Wed.	Meet Me At Mutual	All Wards
Feb.	3	Fri.	Rose Prom (Mia Maids & Explorers)	Hayward 8:30 to 11:30
Feb.	10	Fri.	Sweetheart Ball	Leamington Hotel
Feb.	16	Thurs.	MIA Stake Leadership	Oakland 2nd 8:00
Feb.	18	Sat.	Quarterly Stake Conference	7:00 and 8:00 p.m.
Feb.	19	Sun.	Quarterly Stake Conference Sunday Evening —Music & Speech Festival—	7:00 Oakland Ward

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Good Teachers

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"Language-Key to Understanding" will be the subject of Hayakawa's address and "Current times - Current Issues", Heller's topic. Both of these addresses will highlight the general theme of the conference, "Our Democratic Heritage-the Public School".

Discussion groups will consider such topics as "What the Public Wants from the Schools", "What the Teacher Expects of the School Administrator", "Improvement of Reading Habits in the Secondary Schools", and "Helping Children to Develop a Set of Values", and many other topics of practical use to the classroom teacher. Meetings are open to the public. Individuals may also write direct to the Bay Section Office, California Teachers Association, 693 Sutter Street, San Francisco, and enclose two dollars for luncheon reservations.

Harold Gaisford Moves to Dallas, Texas; Made Co. Vice President

The many friends of Harold and Geraldine Gaisford will be happy to know of the latest good fortune that has come to these fine former residents of Berkeley second ward. Harold, after two very successful year as General Agent for Penn Mutual Life in Salt Lake City, has recently been appointed a Vice President and and Agency Director for the Mercantile Security Life Insurance Company of Dallas, Texas, where they now reside. and are busy in church work.

We are told that the Gaisfords are not forgetting their church. They have already purchased a new home in Dallas and are getting acquainted with the Church down there. We learn that a member of their Stake Presidency is a cousin to President Wright of Oakland.

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Stake Mission Shows 120 Conversions, Baptisms For 1955

Oakland Stake Mission had 122 convert baptisms, the results of the labors of approximately 88 missionaries representing ten of the twelve wards in the stake in 1956.

The Gospel message is being carried also to Spanish speaking people of the Bay Area through the efforts of our Spanish District under the leadership of Elder Kingsfro. The mission presidency urges those of the stake who speak this language to volunteer their help.

Bringing the Gospel to the Jews is in the pioneering stage at present, with Serling Nicolaysen of Alameda Ward in charge. Since the Jewish people cannot be contacted by going from door to door, the mission presidency asks all who know or are acquainted with these people to turn in their names and addresses to Elder Nicolaysen, 1332 Regent St., Alameda.

Training Class Starts

A new class for training stake missionaries has started in Oakland II Ward under the direction of Sister Elsie Lyon for Monday and Wednesday evenings for five weeks. Prospective missionaries who attend these classes find them so interesting and informative that the hours seem all too short.

Changs in personnel have been made recently in the various districts. President Carl. M. Ferre of the Alameda group has been released to work with Elder Nicoloysen in the Jewish mission. Calvin R. Carlsen has taken Elder Ferre's place as Alameda district president. President Harold Foltz of Castro Valley has been released to work with the Spanish district. He is replaced by Elder Earl Gillette.

President Ross Angeli of Hayward Ward serves now in place of Arlin D. Fowler as district president. Elder Fowler continues as a missionary but relinguished his job as district president to give more time to his family. President Robert Weir is released from the Oakland Ward district. Elder Clarence Morgan will be the new district president. Eder and Sister Eaton from Centerville have been released because of ill health, and Oakland IV district loses Elder Keith Stephens to the B.Y.U.

SCHOOL FAILURES IN 1880

An article discussed in the 'North American Review' for December 1880, entitled, "The Public School Failure"; said 'According to independent and competent evidence the vast majority of the pupils in these public schools are unable to read intelligently, to spell correctly, to write legibly, to describe their country, or do anything that reasonably well educated children should do with ease.'"

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San Francicso Library Material in Ward, Public Libraries

By Stake Librarian Ida M. Miller

"BETTTER GOSPEL TEACHING THROUGH THE USE OF VISUAL AIDS!"

With this motto as a guidepost, the Sunday School librarians of the San Francisco stake are striving to maintain libraries that fit the needs of the teacher, so that the teacher in turn may fit the needs of the class.

The librarians have much enthusiasm for this work, as it is an ever-widening field, and offers an outlet for creative abilities. Many helps are to be gained from the Instructor to which they all subscribe.

The attendance of the librarians at the monthly stake preparation meetings is well above average.

The stake Sunday School has at its disposal an S.V.E. 500 filmstrip projector and a beaded screen. Also a series of films on the "Life of Paul" and one by Cecil B. De Mille on the "Life of Christ." These are available to the wards.

Call for Book Donations

From Ervin S. McDonald, our library representative from the High Council, we get the following thought-provoking material: "It is our immediate objective to place a good set of books on church doctrine and church history in the public libraries. At present there are 94 books on Mormonism in the main branch of the public library in San Francisco, and only about one-third of these are written by L.D.S. authors. The branch libraries are practically devoid of any L.D.S. books.

"This indicates the great need of making available to the reading public good L.D.S. literature which will give the proper conception of Mormonism. It is hoped that in the near future we will be able to have a good representation of L.D.S. books in our public libraries.

"Bishops have been askd to cooperate in this worthwhile endeavor. Many familiies have already donated books which will be placed in ward or public libraries. We trust that every family will donate at least one book, keeping in mind that it should be one of the standard church works, or one on church doctrine, or on church history. Your contribution may be given to your ward librarian."

Books on Mormonism In Public Library

Listed below ore books on "Mormons and Mormonism" that are available to us at the main branch of the public library in San Francisco:

The Second United Order Among Mormons, by Edward J. Allen; Family History of William Hardin Ashby, by Robert L. Ashby; Desert Saints; the Mormon Frontier in Utah, by Nels Anderson; Jacob Hamblin, Buckskin Apostle, by Paul D. Bailey; Sam Brannon and the California Mormons, by Paul D. Bailey; Reminiscences of Early Utah, by Robert Newton Baskin; Life in Utah, or the Mysteries and Crimes of Mormonism, by John H. Beadle; Western Wilds and the Men Who Redeem Thm, by John H. Beadle; Joseph Smith and His Mormon Empire, by Harry M. Beardsley; Zealots of Zion, by Hoffman Birney; The Mormons and the Silver Mines, James Bonwick; Across the Continent, Samuel Bowles; Our New West Samuel Bowles.

Many Anti-Mormon

Mormonen und Medizinmanner, by Burghard Breitner; This is the Place, by Marguerite Cannon; Brigham Young and His Mormon Empire, by Frank J. Cannon; Under the Prophet in Utah, by Frank J. Cannon; History of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, by Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; Echoes from the Rocky Mountains, by John Wesley Clampitt; The Mormons, by Mrs. W. G. Corey; Prophets and Patriarchs of Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, by Matthias Foss Cowley; Separatism in Utah, by Franklin D. Daines; Heart Throbs of the West, Daughters of Utah Pioneers.

Books by Reorganized Church

The Story of the Church, by Inez Davis (Reorganized Church); Debarring Polygamists from Civil Rights, Great Debates in American History; California and Mormons, by De Rupert; Pioneering the West, Howard Egan; Charles Coulson Rich, John Henry Evans; Joseph Smith an American Prophet, by John Henry Evans; Federal Recognition of Polygamy, Great Debates in American History; The Mormons at Home, Mrs. Benjamin G. Ferris; The Aristocratic West, Katherine F. Gerould; Lights and Shadows of Mormonism, J. F. Gibbs, bitter anti-Mormon; The Mountain Meadows Massacare, J. F. Gibbs, anti-Mormon; The Mormons in California, William Glover; The March of the Mormon Battalion from Council Bluffs to California, Frank A. Golder; Prophet of Palmyra, Thomas Gregg; Journals of Forty-Niners, Le Roy R. Hafen; Jesus Christ Among the Ancient Americans, Paul Mason, Reorganized Church; Appleton Milo Harmon Goes West, Appleton Milo Harmon.

Fruits of Mormonism

The Fruits of Mormonism, Franklin Stewart Harris; Brigham's Destroying Angel, William A. Hickman; What of the Mormons?, G. B. Hinckley; From the Atlantic Surf to the Golden Gate, Wiliam L. Humason; Brigham Young the Colonizer, Milton R. Hunter; Mormonism, Its Leaders and Designs, John Hyde Jr.; Utah, the Land of Blossoming Valleys, George Wharton James; Forty Years Among the Indians, Daniel Webster Jones; The Private Papers and Diary of Thomas Leiper Kane, Thomas Leiper Kane; Holy Murder-Story of Porter Rockwell, Charles Kelly; Early Day of Mormonism, James H. Kennedy.

Journals of John D. Lee

Journals of John D. Lee, John D. Lee; The Story of the Mormons -from date of origin to 1901, William Alexander Linn; From Kirtland to Salt Lake City, James A. Little; The Heart of the Continent, Fitz Hugh Ludlow; The Golden State, Rolander Guy McClellan; United States Soldiers Invade Utah, E. Cecil McGavin; Through Amer,-ica, W. G. Marshall; The Mystery of Mormonism, Stuart Martin; The Mormon Village, Lowry Nelson; Scientific Aspects of Mormonism, Nels Lars Nelson; Brigham Young, the Man and His Work, Preston Nibley; Utah, Edmund T. Olson; The Kingdom of St. James, Milo M. Quaife; Westward by Rail, William Frazer Rae.

Relief Society Centennary

A Centenary of Relief Society,

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BALBOA WARD

S.S. Library Contains Films, Slides Flannelboards, Maps

The purchase this fall of a 35 mm kodak projector and screen by Balboa Ward was welcomed with much enthusiasm by the Sunday School workers. The projector is equipped to handle both slides and films, and has been used efficiently in the Sunday School classes, faculty meettings, and by missionaries. Other classes and groups may enjoy this projector by making arrangements with the Sunday School superintendency.

The projector was purchased in part by voluntary donations from the Sunday School officers and teachers at the faculty meetings. Voluntary contributions in the future will be used for the purchase of film.

Pictures, Flannelboards, etc.

The Balboa Ward library contains some 750 pictures, 3 easels, 3 flannelboards, 9 sets of flannnetgraphs, 1 groove board, a lighted picture box, 11 large colored posters, 9 maps, 5 charts, 1003 church magazines, and 27 pamphlets and books among which are the standard works of the Church.

Also of interest in the library is a beautiful picture of sego lilies from the Sego Milk Company, some cardboard food models in full color from the California Dairy Industries Advisory Board, pressed leaves from the Hill Cumorah and the Sacred Grove, a beautifully formed mud dauber's nest, and a wasp's nest. From the latter, we are told, the Orientals got the idea of making paper many, many years ago.

Used by Junior Sunday School

The library is used extensively by the Jr. Sunday School. Materials are given to the teachers one week in advance, and are collected the next Sunday and put back in the library. They are checked in and out carefully so nothing is lost. The Senior Sunday School and other ward organizations use materials from the library occasionally; we hope to acquire more things that will be helpful to them.

S. S. Library Small But Growing Well; Calls For Donations

Our library is very cmall because our ward is still very young in years. However, more and more material is being accumulated and plans are under disussion for developing a fund for the express purpose of enlarging supplies of books and pictures and other materials.

At present our library consists of the following:

Books

The Standard Works, Essentials in Church History, A Marvelous Work and a Wonder, The Masters Art, A Thumbnail Sketch of Mormonism, Concordance to the Doctrine & Covenants, To Whom It May Concern, A Skeptic Discovers Mormonism, From Babel to Cumorah, A Story To Tell (2), In the Gospel Net, Highway Helps, Moral Teachings of the New Testament, Sunlight and Shadows.

Periodicals

National Geographic, Instructor, Improvement Era, Relief Society Magazine, Children's Friend.

Music Books

The Children Sing, Latter Day Saint Songs for Little People, Happy Songs to Sing, Songs to Sing for Latter-day Saint Children.

Supplies

A complete set including one or more for each course.

Class Manuals and Teachers Supplements

Paper, chalk, flannel boards, pamphlets, flannnelboard stories, games, toys, etc. Pictures for all 1 to 8.

We respectfully ask the members of our ward to help us in enlarging our library by donating materials comparable to those listed.

Balboa Ward

Teachers Invited To File Requests Reference Material

By Maud R. Beck, Balboa Ward assistant librarian

For teachers who are willing to plan their work effectively and file requests for reference material three or four months in advance of the time they will be using it, we can procure most of their reference books for them as they are needed.

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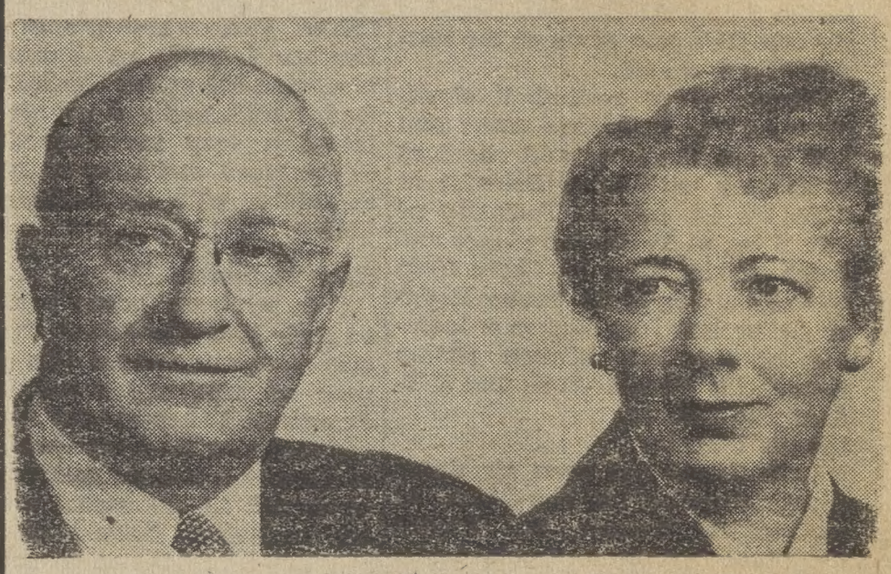

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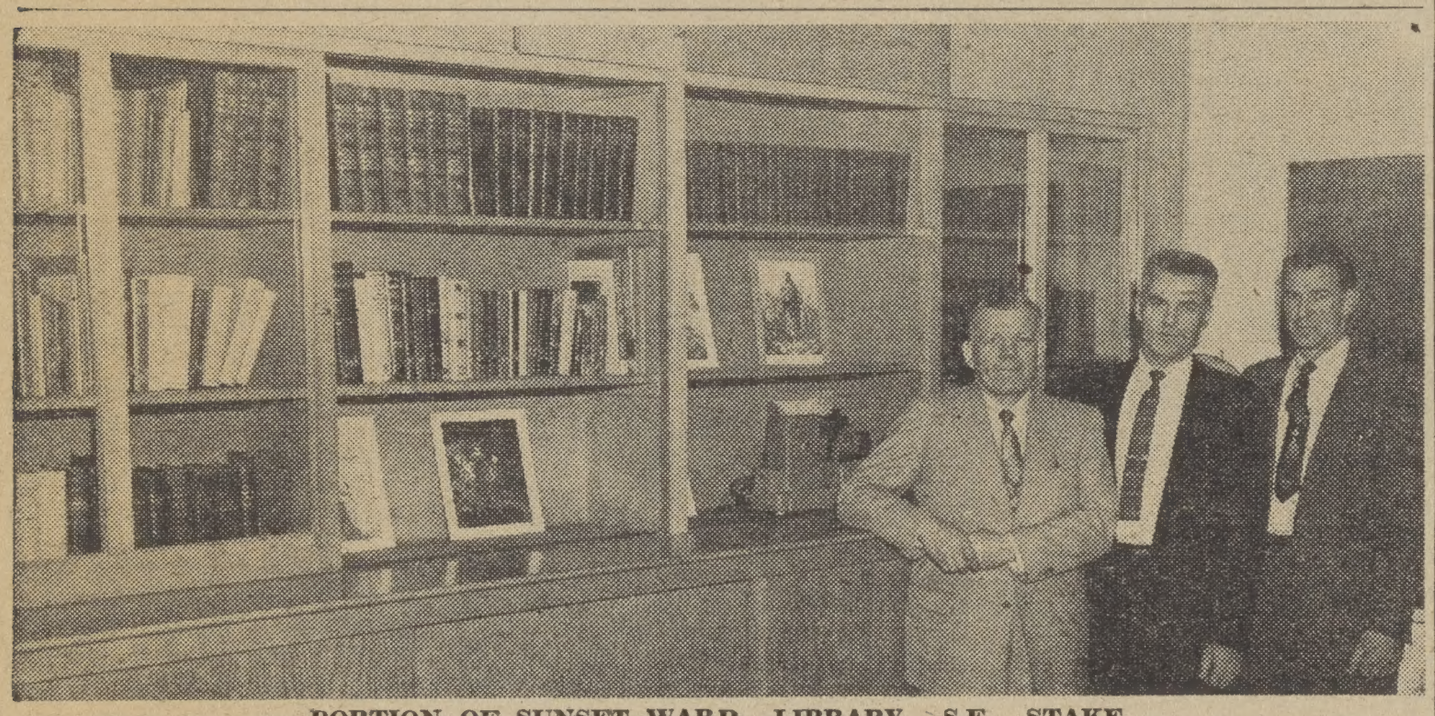
LEFT TO RIGHT: Ida M. Miller, Satke S. S. Libraarian; Melita Coombs, San Rafael Ward; Rose Brown Child, Mission Ward; Ruth Stanton, San Rafael Assistant Librarian; Echo May, San Francisco Ward S. S. Librarian and Melba R. Scalmanini, Sunset Ward S. S. Unable to be present for picture are: Alice Fuller, Balboa II Ward S. S. Librarian, and Maude Beck, Balboa Ward S. S. Librarian.



PORTION OF SUNSET WARD LIBRARY, S.F. STAKE
Left to Right: Ervin S. McDonald—S. F. Stake High Council Representative for Stake Library Committee. John Wm. Stull—Asst. Stake S. S. Superintendent in charge of Libraries. Geo. Wesley Tolley—S. F. Stake S. S. Superintendent.

Mission Ward

S. S. Library Lists Recording Machine, Films, Slides, Books

by Rose Child, Librarian

Mission ward library contains an extensive array of audio and visual aids to assist the teachers in preparing interesting lessons.

One of the most unusual audio aids is an excellent recording machine that has been used for the past two years in the Sunday School. It is used under the supervision of the Junior Sunday School Coordinator in making records of 2½ miunte talks. The records are given to the children for a lasting memory of their early Sunday School activity. Although this machine is expensive, the joy of the children and their parents in having this treasured record is a definite enlistment aid. There are records of dramatized Bible stories in the library also.

There are about six flannel boards with about twenty packets of characters in constant use. This medium is a favorite visual aid in Junior Sunday School.

About 800 mounted pictures in color, or in black and white dealing with almost every gospel subject as well as community life and nature are helpful to the teachers. These pictures are prepared for each class as requested, by the librarian, after she has consulted the lesson outline in the instructor. They are retunred to her after each lesson period. A shadow box is available for illuminating pictures.

Many Films, Slides

We have an outstanding film li-

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Sunset Library Owns Slides, Books, Projector, Films

By Mrs. Melba Scalmanini

The Sunset Ward, very proud of its library under the supervision of the Sunday School, is making great strides towards supplying the needs of all the auxiliaries.

We have 240 books, consisting of a complete set of the Standard Works of the Churcr, 50 Vol. of the Harvard Classics, 11 Vol. of the World Book, bound volumes of the Utah Genealogical and Historical Magazine, and a large number of other religious and fictional books.

A world ball map, about 16 maps, easels and flannel boards are also available to those who need them.

We have 65 strip fims, over 100 slides, a 16 mm sound projector, and about 150 pictures mounted on cardboard, numbered and indexed.

Whenever a picture is taken from the library a record is kept of the date, and the name of the person borrowing it. When it is returned the date is noted.

Each book has an envelope containing a card, and when a book is loaned the card is removed and stamped with the date the book is loaned together with the borrower's name. The card is kept in a file in the library until the book is returned, at which time the return date is stamped on the card and the card returned to the book. Like records are kept of pictures borrowed, of film taken or anything that is loaned from the library, A limited time is allotted so that the books may be available when they are really needed.

We have a good start and we have plans of increasing and improving our library in the near future.

Library Plan Aims Collect, File, Loan All Organizations

Part of a talk before the San Francisco Ward Sunday School Faculty Meeting recently.

By Echo May

Our Father in Heaven had a plan when he organized the world out of his World Plan. He organized a Church Plan. The Apostles were given a plan and in that plan the general Sunday School board has a plan (from each stake in Zion a plan is obtained; from this information a Master Plan is compiled and returned to each stake Sundown for use of each ward officer and teacher. This Master Plan includes stake and ward instructional libraries assembled by the Sunday School for the use of all stakes and ward organizations.

Each ward bishopric's Plan includes many auxiliaries, one of which is the Sunday School and its Plan which includes on its rolls all ward members.Therefore, the ward Sunday Sunday School Library Plan touches the entire Church membership and organizations: Relief Society, Priesthood, Genealogy, Primary, Scouts, Seminary, MIA, and any other Plan within the ward. This naturally includes ALL officers, teachers and students of any Church organization.

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State Primary Board Holds First '56 Meet

The first Primary Stake preparation meeting for the new year was held in January 1956, under the efficient direction of Sister Gerta Greene.

Sisters Vera Forbin, Verda Henry, Marjorie Smith, Sunja Bercumshaw, and Eloise Thomas are to be released from the Primary board with acknowledgement of appreciation for the splendid work they have done. Natalie Pratt is a new member on the board. We welcome this Blazer leader, a very capable worker.

The stake conference over which Elder Mark E. Petersen presided and Serge J. Lauper conducted was

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Supt. Leon Liddell Released From S. S.; Dr. Hume New Supt.

By Helen L. Stolzenburg

Released with a vote of thanks for their splendid services was the S.S. Superintendency, Leon Liddell, Leon S. Swenson and Newell Draper. Sustained were Dr. Russell Hume and counselors, Don S. Smith and Norman Lefler. Bro. and Sis. Arthur Challis soon leave to make their home in Salt Lake. Sister Challis was first counselor in the Relief Society. Their love and kindness and service will be missed by all.

On Nov. 15, 1955 Miss Nancy Lynn Raub, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Davis Raub, became the bride of Marlow Wilford Lords in the Salt Lake Temple. Dec. 3rd the reception was given at the Mission Ward chapel.

Mission Ward basketball champions of San Francisco stake had just about the long and short of everything with Andy Schwint at 6 ft. 7½ in. and Al Townsley at 5 ft. 6 in.. Al Tuttle the player and coach of the team had help from Newel Cuttler, Keith Tenny Rodger Lefler and Ivan Baker a member of the last Mission champ team, with Harold Wells and William Stolzenberg.

Speech Director

Lilth James has been appointed speech director for the M.I.A. to replace Pat Tanner, and Phyllis Celantano has been appointd Mia Maid teacher.

Two New Ward Classes

Released with a vote of thanks were James Sheffield and Charles Madsen. Bro. Sheffield moved to Burbank and Bro. Madsen and family to San Mateo. Sustained as ward clerks were Everette C. Henry and Clarence J. Gibby.

Balboa–Mission Seminary Elects New Officers

By Alma Libby

Recently installed class officers in the Balboa Second and Mission Ward LDS Seminary are Donald Laws, president; Herbert Dirks, vice president; Mary Carlson, secretary-treasurer; Sheila Unck, historian; Alma Libby, publicity chairman; Sonja Swenson, organist; Patsy Unck, chorister; Irma Williams, associate chorister.

On the evening of December 26, the students of this seminary enjoyed a delightful social and star party with refreshments at the home of their instructor, Leon F. Liddell. Various games were played. Brother Liddell, an amatuer astronomer, set up his Newtonian reflector telescope and everyone obtained a very revealing close-up of the moon, and later of the planet Jupiter with his Galilean satelites.

New Testament Study

This seminary group has enjoyed their New Testament study and also class associations this pioneer year of seminary work in San Francisco. Other special occasions included two most interesting panel-discussion and musical programs conducted in sacrament meetings, one in Balboa Second Ward and the other in Mission Ward. Most interesting and informational wes an informal discussion held with Rabbi Saul E. White of Congregation Beth Sholom on the subject "Beliefs and customs in the Jewish Church at the Time of Christ and at the Present."

With the commencement of the spring semester several new students will be welcomed into the seminary. The seminary meets each school morning from 7 to 8 a.m. in the Mission Ward building.

Mission Ward

Genealogy Head Announces Series of Eight Lectures

Bishop Joseph L. Harper of Mission Ward and Joseph Greenfield, stake chairman extend a cordial invitation to all members and friends to participate in the city wide Sunday School and Stake Workshop in Genealogy to be held for eight weeks commencing Thursday evening, February 2 in the Mission Ward chapel, 26 street between Guerrero and Delores, San Francisco. Everyone interested in gathering names for Temple work, should attend.

Special attention given to each problem; domestic and foreign letters will be planned or written for your family search. Bring any data old letters, unfinished letters, or just word-of-mouth information. Bring pencils, large 3-hole-binder blank book (8½ x11), "Proving Your Pedigree" or old Stake Refernce Book.

TOBACCO PRODUCTS of the future may have very low nicotine content. Present tobacco-breeding work shows a trend from 3.0% nicotine in cigarettes of 1915 to 2.5% in 1935 and 2.0% in 1955. According to one recent research report, tobacco with 0.0 to 0.2% nicotine has already been developed.

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Palo Alto Stake

Palo Alto Stake Ward Teaching Hits New High In 1955

By Stanley S. Gibb

Under the able chairmanship of George Hughes, ward teaching in Palo Alto Stake has recently made successive and marked improvement. Average for the last three years were 1953, 50%; 1954, 60%; and 1955, 75%. To accomplish this mark of 75% for last year, some of the wards did outstanding work, averaging for the year: San Carlos, 92%; Redwood City, 89%; San Mateo 2nd Ward, 85%; Menlo Park, 79%;Sharp Park Branch, 79%; San Bruno, 76%; Los Altos, 74%; Sunnyvale, 70%; Burlingame, 65%; San Mateo, 64%; and Palo Alto, 58%.

Since the new year, J. Dean Sonne has been new stake ward teaching committee chairman. Brother Hughes has been called into the Menlo Park bishopric.

Stake Conference

A priesthood-leadership meeting at the Palo Alta chapel will open Conference at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, February 25, followed at 8 p.m. with a special meeting (invitational for all male members of the Church over 21 years, and their wives.) The Sunday meetings are set for the San Mateo chapel at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Dedication of the Redwood City-San Carlos chapel will occur in the evening.

LaVeda Gibb, stake music director, advises that the conference music will be provided by the northern ward choirs as a group in the morning and the southern ward choirs in the afternoon.

Priesthood Meeting

The regular stake priesthood meeting will be held at the Palo Alto chapel on the second Saturday, February 11. High Priests and seventy quorums at 6:30 p.m., general priesthood meeting at 7:30 p.m. and priesthood-leadership at 8:30

Green and Gold Ball

The annual Green and Gold Ball, which last year drew 2,000 attendance, is set this year for February 11 from 9 to 12 in the Bay Meadows Ballroom. The orchestra ... Dick Crest.

February Stake Activities:

Feb. 3 Stake Court of Honor at the Palo Alto chapel.

Feb. 5. Scout-Explorer Sunday evening service in each ward of the stake.

Feb. 24. Mia Maid-Explorer Stake activity night.

Aaronic Award Trip

Next summer, Aaronic priesthood quorums which qualify with all members of their quorums in activity will be treated to a summer trip probably to the Los Angeles Temple, Disneyland, a tour of a Hollywood studio, and other attractions. This is announced by the stake Aaronic priesthood committee.

The period of qualification will be January through June of this year, and will require at least 75% of the quorum to qualify for individual awards, and the other 25% of the quorum to fulfil at least 25% of the requirements for individual awards.

Although individual awards are important, the entire quorum must meet the requirements, and the entire quorum participate, rather than just those individuals who attain ther individual award requirements for the six month period. It s expected that most of the quorums in the stake will qualify for this exciting trip.

San Mateo Ward bishopric change:

Due to his business demands, Angus Fox, second counselor to Bishop Frank A. Martin, was released January 15th, by President David B. Haight. Robert F. Whitney, a former ward clerk, and more recently Aaronic priesthood ward secretary was called to fill the vacancy.

"Teachers", Lets Use Those Visual Aids

By Lorna Holdaway Palo Alto Stake S. S. Librarian

"Let's USE those visual aids!" has been the by-word, as it were, up and down the Palo Alto Stake for several months. Most of the Sunday School libraries, including those in the beginning stage, have available visual aids in various forms. These pictures, maps, flannel board stories, charts, grooveboard and sand table cut-outs etc. are valuable aids in teaching the gospel to adults as well as children.

The librarians are urged to have attention-getting displays at correlation meetings along with frequent conversations with teachers, especially those not making use of the library facilities, in order that everyone become aware of the way in which visual and audio-visual aids may be of great help in teaching more effectively.

Many of the wards do not have in their libraries as yet, film strips and slides. We are considering the posibility of the wards which are using the same chapel sharing projectors, screens and slides one with the other. Also the possibility of loaning these aids under the direction of the stake Sunday School board, to the various wards.

"Reference books, please" is a plea the wards hope to answer as soon as possible. Some wards have Church books that were donated, for instance, by a Seventies quorum. Or books may have been given by individuals or bought through the library ward budget.

Throughout the Palo Alto stake the need for books is probably grater than for any other one thing. Our chief project is to suggest ways and means for getting books, and to stress the imporance to the teachers using this reference material when available.

To have well equipped book and visual aid libraries in every ward is my goal.

George Hughes Made Bishop's Conuselor; Chapel Site Bought

The first change in the Menlo Park bishopric since the ward was formed two years ago took place last month. Bro. Hugh West, who had served as 2nd counselor to Bishop Keith Garner and Leon Hovick, moved out of the ward and now resides in Hartford, Connecticut where Bro. West will receive advanced training with the insurance company he works for.

Brother George Dewey Hughes has been sustained as 2nd counselor to Bishop Garner. Prior to this position he was a member of the Palo Alta Stake high council. Before moving to Menlo Park, Bro. Hughes and his wife, Nellie, lived in Berkeley where Bro. Hughes served as a member of the Berkeley high council, Sunday School superintendent and ward clerk. He is a constant temple worker, also, in his vacation periods.

New Chapel Site

Word has just been rceived that three acres of land at the corner of Arbor Road and Valparaiso has been approvtd for purchase as a building site for the Menlo Park Ward. A large home on the property will be used for church activities temporarily. At the present time the Menlo Park Ward meets in the Palo Alto Ward Chapel.

In recognition of the great work being carried on by the stake missionaries the Menlo Park Ward would like to present the names of members who are serving in this calling. They are: Fred Berry, Ted Burkman, Hyrum Crofts, Albert Hansen, Merrill Heimendinger, John Kay, Carmen Martinez, Arno Miller, Howard Nielson, Tom Richardson, Earl White, Daniel S. Meher, Moyer Thomas, Ann Thomas, Ralph Price, Lee Dalton, and Theodore Sealund. Bros. Robert J. Conrad and Glen Wade are acting as counselors to the Palo Alto Stake mission president.

The Headbergs Write

A couple of months ago the Messenger received an interesting letter from R. Peter Ahleen, an Elder of Burlingame ward, telling of a letter he had received from his niece , Arleen Hedberg, who is a missionary in Sweden with her parents.

Chief interest of the welcome letter centered in a round trip by the Hedbergs to and from Switzerland during which they heard the Tabernacle Choir concert in Zurich, met Pres. David O. McKay and attended dedicatory services at the new Bern Temple. We wish we had the time to relay the adventures they had as they crossed Europe at that time. But—thanks to Brother Ahleen for sharing the letter with us.

State Primary Board

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a very fine group of meetings. At this time let us acknowledge and thank President and Sister Lauper as our representatives as host and hostess of the stake to these visiting brethren, whenever assigned to our stake. It is a service that I am sure is appreciated by the visitors, helping to repay them for their physical efforts of the trip.

May we urge all the members of the stake to visit the Los Angeles Temple while it can be seen in its entirety. It is well worth any sacrifice to behold it beauty which cannot be described. The spirit and its quiet calm atmosphere must be experienced.

Finds Bowls, Vases

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Nephite history. No metal was found in the test excavations.

It is anticipated that important discoveries will be made at Acala where a test trench was dug in May 1955 for the Foundation under the supervision of Edwin Shook of the Carnegie Institution. The radio-carbon date from this locationn dates the site at 250 A.D., which is highly important from the Book-of-Mormon point of view. Most of N.W.A.F field personnnel will remain at Acala for the next few weeks. Howver, Gareth Lowe will lead a party further upstream near the Guatemala border into an area heretofore unexplored by N.W.A.F We have reports of some large and promising ancient ruins in the area to be explored. The men have all remained well and are happy under the leadership of the Carnegie archeologist, Dr. Heinrich Berlin.

APOSTLE LEE

As a guide in our work toward perfection Elder Lee recently listed 10 commandments to be used as measuring sticks for progress. They are:

1. Learn better to talk with God through prayer.
2. Make effective your right to the Saviour's atonement.
3. Keep the Sabbath Day holy.
4. Obey the Word of Wisdom more perfectly.
5. Pay a full tithing.
6. Fast two full meals on Fast Sundays.
7. Live the law of chastity more perfectly.
8. If unmarried, keep yourself pointed for marriage at the proper time. Don't be in a hurry.
9. If you are married, live your marriage vows more perfectly.
10. Give obedience to the council of those in authority, but give intelligently.

San Francisco Library Material In Wards

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Relief Society General Board, Church of Latter-day Saints; A Journey to Great Salt Lake City, Jules Ramy; Scrapbook of Mormon Literature-Religious Tracts, Benjamin E. Rich; John Brown Among the Quakers and Other Sketches, Irving B. Richman; Crown of Glory,-life of James J. Strang, Moses of the Mormons, O. W. Riegel; The Founder of Mormonism, Isaac Woodbridge Riley; The Mormon Battalion, B. H. Roberts; 3 copies Book of Mormon, translated by Joseph Smith; Doctrine and Covenants, Joseph Smith; Letters Exhibiting the Most Prominent Doctrines of Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints by Orson Spencer in reply to Rev. William Crowell, Orson Spencer.

Biography of P. Pratt

A Biography of Parley P. Pratt, the Archer of Paradise, Reva Stanley; Mormon Country, Wallace E. Stegner; The Rocky Mountain Saints, Thomas B. Stenhouse; "Tell it All" Fanny Stenhouse; Articles of Faith, James E. Talmage; The Sunset Land; or the Great Pacific Slope, Rev. John Todd, Origin, Rise and Progress of Mormonism, Pomeroy Tucker; A Concise History of the Mormon Battalion in the Mexican War-1846-7847, Sergeant Daniel Tyler; U. S. Work Projects Administration Historical Records Survey; The Mormon Prophet and His Harem, or an authentic history of Brigham Young, his numerous wives and children, Mrs, Catherine Van Valkenburg Waite, bitterly anti-Mormon.

The Real Mormonism

The Real Mormonism, Robert C. Webb; Brigham Young, R. M. Werner, These Amazing Mormons, Joseph H. Weston; This is the Place: Utah, Maurine Whipple; Popular History of Utah, Orson F. Whitney; Discourses of Brigham Young, selected and arranged by John A. Widstoe; Isn't One Wife Enough?, Kimball Young.

(Note: 94 books in all, counting the 3 books of Mormon.)

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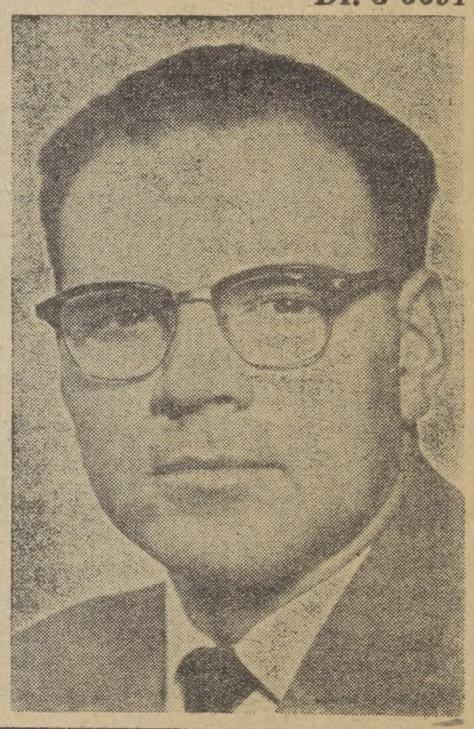

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Editorial

Tell what you read, and you tell what you are and what you will become. In books you choose your guiding ideals, your bosom companions, your profoundest thoughts, your innermost hearts' longings and desires. In them one bathes his very soul, soaks his very spirit, tans and dyes his character, and weaves his eternal destiny.

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Show me a boy Lincoln spelling out the pages of borrowed books before a log fire in the backwoods of America and you show me the man Lincoln debating with Douglas over slavery, speaking his calls to a vacillating nation, and his Gettysburg address, and by a bullet lifted to a place among the world's immortals.

Show me the boy Joseph Smith reading his Bible at fourteen until his mind was lighted up with the divine words "If any of you lack wisdom let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him," and you shall show me the Prophet Joseph Smith seeing God the Father and his Son Jesus Christ, transcribing the Book of Mormon, and the Pearl of Great Price, transcribing the revelations of God to modern Isreal, receiving endowments and priesthood powers from holy angels and starting on its way the restored Kingdom of God that even now is seen moving inevitably on its way as a little stone destined to fill the whole earth.

O Isreal—may you ever, and evermore seek wisdom out of the best books, seek knowledge by study and also by prayer. May you by searching the scriptures and absorbing the great thoughts in great books mount up in the holy imaginings of your heart as on eagles wings beating on the walls of heaven itsely, until His will is done on earth as it is done in heaven.

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My Testimony

By Mabel Liddell

If you should write the Genealogical Library in Salt Lake City about family research problems, your letter migh find its way to the desk of Frances Baker, an attractive girl with a ready smile and an air of complete confidence; for she surely knows what she is about, and why. There is a reason.

From her early youth she has always felt a keen interest in Genealogy and true to this urge she spent many hours in research in various large libraries, at the termination of her mission in New England states.

While in Washington D. C., she visited the Library of Congress, the National Archives and the D.A.R. Library. On her way to the home of friends, the last evening in that city, with her briefcase bulging with precious record, she rushed headlong into a crisis that turned out to be one of the most inspiring event of her life. In her own words:

Lost her Briefcase

"The friend with whom I was staying was ill, and requested me to stop at a certain store on my way home to pick up a birthday present for her husband. I heard the street called and dashed off the streetcar. As it pulled away, I realized that my briefcase was missing! Heedless of the heavy five o'clock traffic, I ran out in the middle of the street to the bus director, and told him of the situation. He asked the number of the bus. I didn't know. I was a stranger in the city, and totally unfamiliar with buses, locations, etc. He gave me little hope of ever seeing my records again.

I rushed home, called the carbarns and was told that none of the cars would be in until midnight. Again I was informed that there was little hope of regaining my briefcase, but if I desired I could call in the morning to see if it had been returned. With sinking heart, I told the clerk that I was scheduled to leave at ten o'clock that evening for North Carolina, and needed the material desprately for further research. He promised to call me if there was any news of my lost articles.

Briefcase Reappears

I then retired to my room and prayed for the safe return of my irreplaceable records. **A few moments later,** the man at the carbarns called and excitedly asked me to describe the briefcase. I did so, and he said, 'It is sitting here in the middle of the floor. How it got here I don't know. None of the cars have been in, nor has anyone else. I have been here alone. All the doors and windows are locked and it is a mystery to me, how that briefcase got in.' He gave me directions and I recovered my briefcase, with records undisturbed, just in time to catch my scheduled train to North Carolina.

This has always been a testimony to me of the power of prayer. Faith moved mountains in the days of Enoch; faith moved a briefcase full of valuable records in my day. It was also a convincing demonstration of the importance attached to the work in which I am engaged, and proved again the value of having more than one copy of genealogical records."

Frances is a frequent visitor to San Francisco, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Baker of Mission Ward.

S.S. Library List

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brary containing many films and slides in color and black and white on all gospel subjects. They are cared for by an assistant librarian who demonstrates their use to the teachers or who assists in showing them. The assistant also cares for the date schedules for the stake-owned film projector and screen. This medium has been very popular with students of all ages, helping to make lessons more vivid and lasting.

Books numbering over one hundred are included in the ward libraries. Among these are valuable sources on church history, gospel, truths and principles, Bible history, faith promoting stories, world literature and many others. The usual picture puzzles, crayons, chalk, scissors, paste paper and library equipment are available to the teacher. As many Instructors as storage room permits are filed for the years from 1937 through to the present and are valuable sources for lesson enrichment.

Hope for Library Room

The library equipment is at present stored in a cabinet and various department closets. We hope to have a library room in the building soon where both teachers and librarian have a table on which to work.

Sunset Ward

Ample Facilities Aid Good Ward Library

By Orreti E. Aaron

Sunset Ward boasts a good library under Ervin McDonald and Melba Scalmanini, ward librarians. under the former S. S. Supt. Leon Collett, ample library facilities were provided. It is growing with a splendid supply of books, pictures, maps, and other important material, available to everyone in the ward.

Honorable releases and a vote of thanks were extended to George Stromberg, YMMIA superintendent and Larry Riggs, and Dick Huish, counselors. New superintendent is Gene McDaniels with Ed Costa as activity counselor.

Congratulations to Galen Nixon and James F. Kennelly, recently ordained deacons.

Library Plan Aims

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It is but natural then, that the librarian be a responsible person; and, having such responsibility, should know all that is in the library, all that comes in, and all that goes out, with the help of responsible assistants.

Library a Storage Place

The library is the storage place of all learning-teaching materials of all orfianizations of the ward. All storage and release must be systematized for best use. Thus out of the library grows the well-being of the ward at large.

God's whole plan is a system of "Plans within Plans", each compromising its particular plan to the one in which it has its being, and to those under its influence, forming in the general onward progress smoother co-operation for a more perfect union with smoother co-operation for a more perfect union with the whole.

We live in a day and age of adverstising; therefore, the library, to be most useful, should be allowed to make a continuous advertising campaign before the ward, the Sunday School and other organizations, seeking to know what instructional material can be properly employed and secured, and reporting its up to date findings at a special monthly counsel meeting with the ward superintendency, who in turn report to the bishopric for action. Thus the entire ward body grows in activity, with satisfaction of better learning and serving thru helpful instructional material, as slides projected films, maps, pictures, flannel boards, blackboards, reference books, etc.

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Pleasant Hill Ward

"Pastel Pirouettes" At Fashion Luncheon

By Shirley Moore

"Pastel Pirouettes" is the theme for the Relief Society's spring fashion luncheon to be held at the chapel, Saturday, March 10. A luncheon will be served. Tickets will not be available at the door, so reservations should be made early.

The nursery class of the Sunday School needs benches, tables, toys and artivity aids, so look for a fund-raising party.

Welcome new Primary helpers: Dorothy Mathews, counselor, Mary Lou McCune organist, Mary Louise Norton, Patsy Oram and Donna Cleveland as teachers.

The Sunday Shool has also added four new teachers: Bill Mathews, Bernice Gray, John Openshaw and Paul Owens. Welcome!

Babies Blessed: Gregory Alan, son of Hubert and Joyce Henderson; David Scott, son of Neil and Liahona Christenson; and Johnathan Merl, son of Merl and Elaine Prince.

Bishop's Message:

The Los Angeles Temple is now open for visitors before dedication. We urge families to take their children who are old enough through this Temple that they might more fully understand the purposes for which temples are built.

Adults who have not been to the Temple might well enjoy this privilege to go through but they should also make this a time of preparation that they might go to the Temple for their ordnances after it is dedicated.—Bishop Joseph Roy Hilton.

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By Nelson Wadsworth

One hundred and twenty-six years ago in a little print shop in Palmyra, New York, printer Egbert B. Grandin oiled up his presses and rolled out 5,000 copies of the book that changed the religious history of the world—The Book of Mormon.

Today, few of the first editions have survived, and the ones that have are treasured highly by their owners.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Korth, members of the Martinez Ward who live at 1161 Santa Fe Street, are the proud owners of a first edition Book of Mormon.

Yellowing with age, dog-eared, and stained by the forgotten rains of history, their book has its own individual story to tell.

It's history started when a young gentleman named Herman Bassett bought the book and gave it to Luana Hart Beebee on her 17th birthday back in Madison City, New York, shortly after 1830. The young woman was Mrs. Korth's great grandmother. When she became a Latter-day Saint, young Miss Beebee marrid Orrin Porter Rockwell, one of the church's early members and body guard to Joseph Smith.

After weathering a trek across the plains into Utah, the book was given to Jacob Lorenzo Boyd, Mrs. Korth's grandfather, and then to her mother, Vera Tyrell Boyd Duke.

Mrs. Duke gave the book to her daughter, Edna, and son-in-law when they were married.

The first Book of Mormon contained 588 pages of straight prose. It was not divided into chapters and verses and was printed a single column to the page.

In the first preface, the author makes particular reference to the "many false reports" that had been circulated against the book before it was published. Before it was even off the press he was nearly mobbed by the angry populace.

Grandin was a job printer by trade, and fearing he would not be able to collect his $3,000 fee, almost refused to print the book at the last minute. Only on the assurancees of Joseph Smith that the money would be paid would the printer finally agree to roll his presses. At that time there were only six members in the Mormon

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Looking at The World Thru Rose Colored Rose Prom Glasses

The fifth annual Rose Prom was held January 28th. This is the annual dance held expressly for Mia Maids and Explorers of Berkeley Stake, reports Enid Young, stake Mia Maid supervisor, and Jack Evans, stake explorer supervisor.

Walnut Creek Ward recreation hall was decorated by the Pleasant Hill and Walnut Creek Mia Maids under the direction of Alice Everett and Marion Foulk.

Janice Brady and the Concord Ward Mia Maids served refreshments.

Chuck Carter acted as Master of ceremonies while Bill Owens and his dance band played the enjoyable music.

L. D. S. Books Available In Richmond Library

By Leonard Trottier

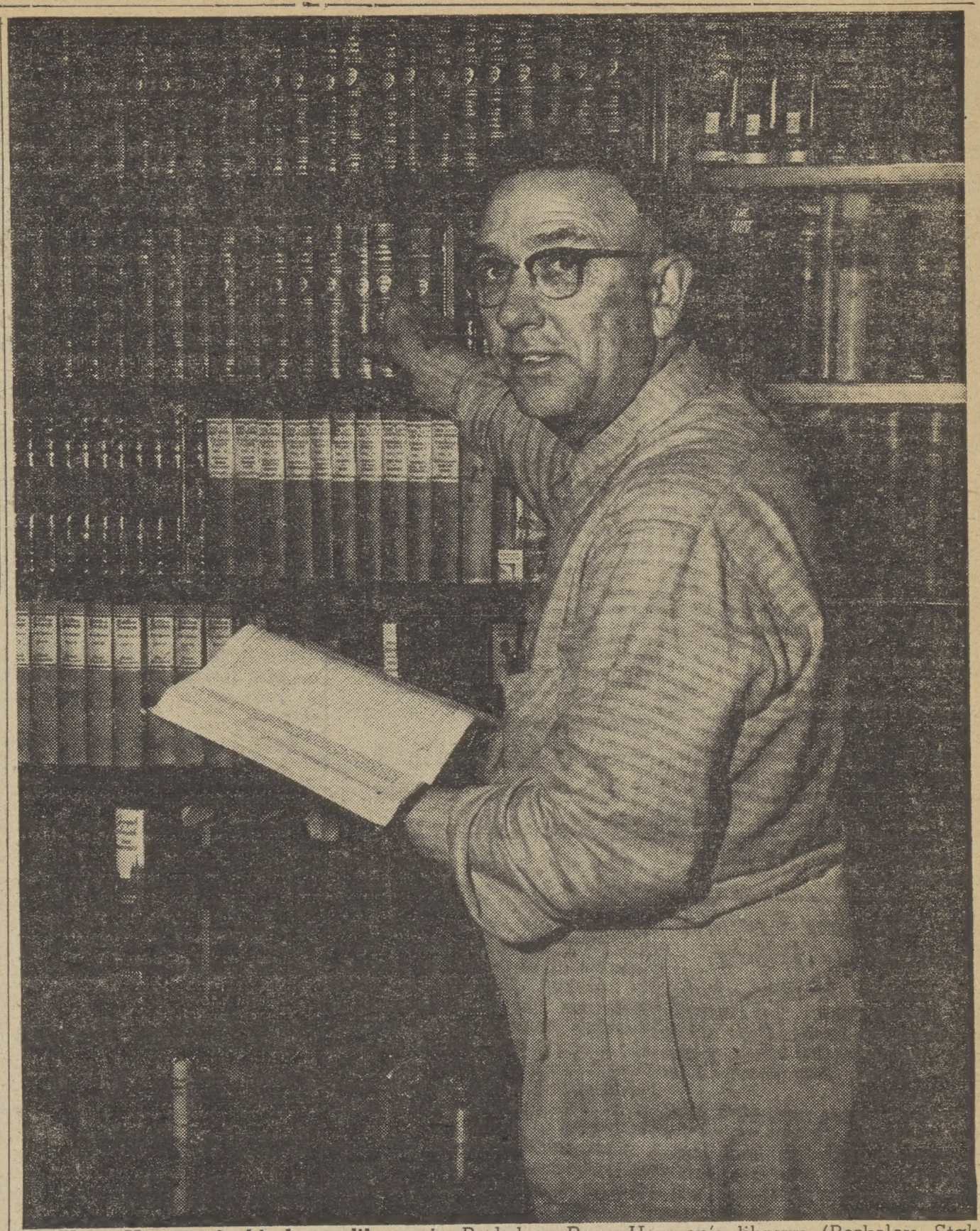
The following books are listed in the main Richmond library under the heading, "Mormons".

Bailey, Sam Brannon & the California Mormons; Stegner, Mormon Country; Beardsley, Joseph Smith & His Mormon Empire; Brodie; No Man Knows my History. Life of Joseph Smith, the Mormon Prophet; Brooks, Mountain Meadows Massacre; Bryant, Between th Covers of the Book of Mormon; California Folk Lore Society, Western Folk Lore; Cameron, This is the Place; John Henry Evans, Charles Coulson Rich—Pioneer Builder of the West; John Henry Evans, Joseph Smith, an American Prophet; John Henry Evans, Our Church and People; Susa Young Gates, Life Story of Brigham Young; Hafen, Journals of the Forty-Niners; Hanson, Jesus Christ Among the Ancient Americans, (Reorganized Church); Harmon, Appleton Milo Harmon Goes West; Inman, Great Salt Lake Trail; James, Utah, the Land of Blossoming Valleys; Latter Day Saint Temples; Laut, Mormons on the Pilgrim Trail; Olson, Utah, a Romance of Pioneer Days; Quaife, The Kingdom of St. James.

Books Of Mormon

Book of Mormon; Joseph Smith Tells Own Story; Spencer, One who was Valient. Taylor, Family Kingdom; Werner, Brigham Young; Whipple, This is the Place; O. F. Whitney, Mormons in the History of California; Kimball Young, 1893; George Creel, The Promised Land; Doctrine & Covenants, submitted by Reorganized Church. 19 books of fiction involving Mormon people and Story.

Forrester Blake, Wilderness Passage; Blanche Cannon, Nothing Ever Happens Sunday Morning; Susan Ertz, The Proselyte; Vardie Fisher, Children of God. An American Epic; Zane Grey, The Heritage of the Desert; Eugene Edward Halleran, Winter Ambush; Helen Hinchley, The Mountains are Mine; Ardyth Kenelly, The Peaceable Kingdom; Ardyth Kennelly, Up Home (a sequel to The Peaceable Kingdom); Richard Pingree Scowcroft, Children of the Covenant; Virginia (Eggertsen) Sorenson, Evening and the Morning, A Little Lower than the Angels, Many Heavens, On This Star; Samuel Wooley Taylor, Heaven Knows Why; Gladys Mea Walter, Solid Rock; Jessie Ward, Call at Evening; Maurine Whipple, The Giant Joshua; and Harry Leon Wilson, The Lions of the Lord.



W. Glenn Harmon in his home library in Berkeley. Pres. Harmon's library (Berkeley Stake) numbers some 500 volumes, largely Church ppublications, and scriptural commentaries, including the 11 volumes so far issued of the famous Interpreters Bible. The Harvard Classics and the Rise and Fall of the Roman Empire are clearly seen.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie R. Korth of Martinez Ward proudly hold a first edition Book of Mormon. printed in Palmyra, New York in 1880. Edna, left, is the great grandaughter of Luana Hart Beebee, first owner of the book.

Berkeley Stake Social Calendar

FEBRUARY 1956

3	Fri.	Stake Quartette Festival, Berkeley Chapel	8:00 p.m.
5	Sun.	Boy Scout Program—All wards (Evening Services)	
11	Sat.	Stake Quarterly Conference—Berkeley Chapel. General Meeting	8:00 p.m.
12	Sun.	Stake Quarterly Conference—Richmond Civic Auditorium	10:00 a.m.; 2:00 p.m.
12	Sun.	Stake Quarterly Conference— Richmond Civic Auditorium	2:00 p.m.
12	Sun.	Berkeley Chapel	7:30 p.m.
10	Fri.	Division 12 Senior Basketball Playoff— Sacramento and Acalanes H. S. Lafayette	7:00 p.m.
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11	Sat.	Division 12 Senior Basketball Playoff— Sacramento	7:00 p.m.
13	Mon.	Division 12 Senior Basketball Playoff— Acalanes High School, Lafayette	7:00 p.m.
20	Mon.	Stake M. I. A. LEADERSHIP MEETING, Concord Chapel	7:30 p.m.
21	Tues.	Ward M. I. A. Conferences— Martinez—Concord—Richmond	7:30 p.m.
23	Thurs.	Div. 12 Jr. Basketball Playoffs— Acalanes High School, Lafayette	7:00 p.m.
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Walnut Creek

Ward Honors Chapel Builders in Delightful Style

By Verna Mayfield

Beginning February 1, at 4:30 p.m. in the Walnut Creek Primary will meet very Wednesday afternoon.

A ward party was held Sat. Jan. 21 in honor of the men who so faithfully helped with the construction of the chapel. With Bishop Robert G. Larsen as chairman and Edna Smith, as co-chairman over 350 members of the ward enjoyed a ham dinner and program which included a humorous song written by Wells and Lorraine Wilkinson, a skit by Sister Donna Curtis and several musical numbers by the young people of the ward. A movie "Building a chapel" as filmed over the 2½ years and edited by Bishop Larson was shown. It was a history in motion pictures.

Meet Our People

As a chemical engineer at the Union Oil Company, Brother Russell Groesbeck still finds time to be active in church work. President of the Elders quorum, and ward teacher calls for extra duties. His wife Joan, being in the Primary, has also called upon him to serve as official baby-tender for their two small boys.

Dr. Gunnar Larson Completes Offices

Dr. Gunnar Larson of the Berkeley Second Ward, has recently completed his new modern offices and remodeling his home at the same address, 1652 Solano Avenue, Albany.

Brother Larson graduated from the California College of Chiropractors in 1941, beginning practice with a fellow graduate. During the early years in practice, he continued his studies in related subjects at the University of California. He afterwards established himself at his present site which he owns.

Martinez Ward

Primary Is Growing, Adds Two To Faculty

By Alva Mae Forsyth

Martinez ward Primary attendandce has grown to the largest number in several years. Two new workers are being welcomed. Katherine Haley as a teacher and Catherine Woloff as In-service training teacher. Christopher W. Everson was graduated from Primary January 15.

David Kent was ordained a Priest, January 1, and Junior LeRoy Corsi was ordained a Deacon, January 15. Stanley John Jenk, son of William and Carla Zenk was blessed on January 1 by Wayne Holden.

Allan and Colleen Fecher have recently moved here from Salt Lake City.

Jessie Shaw is new counselor in the Relief Society presidency, replacing Rachel Starr.

RICHMOND WARD

New Cabinets Built, Book Buying Planned For Ward Library

The ward library is well under way. Joseph Sater and Peter Gengler have finished building a library cabinet. Purchase of books and equipment has been planned. Members contributions will be gratefully received. Librarian is Annie O'Connor. The superintendency is working diligently toward making the Junior Sunday School room as chapel-like as possible, and supplied with the best of equipment. Dick Kay supplied a small pulpit which he built himself.

Marjorie Hendersoon will conduct the teacher's training course, a class designed to train teachers for various auxiliaries. In Peter Tesi's Sunday School class (14 and 15 years) the boys and girls compete against each other in being reverent. Each month losers give a party to winners.

The MIA presents their Gold and Green Ball, February 10, the theme being "Somewhere Over the Rainbow"... Busy preparations for "Meet Me At Mutual" night January 31, have been infull swing.

Eplorer—Mia Maid Fun

Recently the home of Rula Gengler was the scene for the Explorer-Mia Maid fun night for 35 people. Congratulations to the Jr. and Sr. M-Men basketball team, and director Ken Gengler and coach Reed Van Winkle.

Men basketballers came in second place in the Western division of the stake... Now a volley ball season is about to begin... Excited scouts and explorers tumbled out of bed at 3 a.m. January 21, and whisked off to Camp Bray in the Sierras. There they were joined by other troops of the stake for a weekend of skiing, toboganing and hiking in the snow. Dee Stevenson is Scoutmaster, with Reese Thomson, assistant.

The Relief Society has changed meeting time to 10 a.m. Tuesdays. A baby sitter is available for children.

Rose Lewis and family write that they are well settled in a new home in Fruitland, New Mexico. They send greetings.

Bishop Henderson reports that the finance committee will soon explain to families the purpose of the new inter-stake Church center on the Oakland Temple site. All members are asked to pledge the amount they will be able to contribute to this worthy project.

Half-Million People Will View L. A. Temple During Two Months

People are going on permits thru the completed Los Angeles Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ at the rate of more than 8000 per day. The people are largely non-Mormons, it is stated. Our LDS members also may enter the temple upon recommends after the great structure is dedicated, which is scheduled for March.

Public viewing began December 19, 1955 and will continue until February 18. Then the temple will be readied for its formal dedication by Pres. David O. McKay, set for March 11.

In charge of the public tours of the Temple are the Temple Mission Presidency, A. Merlin Steed, Raymond A. Summers and Guy B. Rose. Assisting are Architect Edward O. Anderson and Construction Supervisor Soren Jacobsen.

Pleasant Hill

Ward Library Boasts 120 L.D.S. Books; Other Teaching Aids

Pleasant Hill Ward has recently opened a ward library for teaching aids and for general reading. With Sister Gray as active librarian, funds have been found for the purchase thru Bro. Ball and some gifts for a total of 120 books. This library also includes two sets of the History of the Church, a set of the Encyclopedia Brittanica, a world atlas, and two or three children's clasic fiction books.

The above books are filed alphabetically by authors and are located in a room off the foyer of the chapel. This room has been set aside as a combination library and work room and wil eventually also contain duplicating equipment. Other aids available are: pictures mounted and indexed, and flannel story cut-outs.

Teachers ask for the aids in advance of Sunday or at prayer meeting and the librarian passes the pictures or aids before Sunday School starts or places them in the class room.

All library books are carded the same as in a public library and the books are loaned out by one of the librarians. A librarian is on duty after each meeting(i. e. Sunday School,Relief Society, Primary, etc.) for twenty minutes. The following regulations govern the lending of the books: Overdue books are charged at the rate of 2c per day; books cannot be renewed more than twice; a book cannot be renewed if another person has asked to borrow it; books not carded are for reference only and cannot be taken from the chapel.

Future plans for the Pleasant Hill Ward library include publicity to encourage the use of the library, and also fund-raising drives similar to "a buck or a book" potluck supper held during the past year. It is hoped to make the latter event an annual affair.

A Desirable Ideal, A Usable Home Library That is Used

By Wanda B. Harmon

"We profit little by books we do not enjoy." This small quotation from Sir John Lubbock's "Pleaures of Life", is a key to the Harmon Home Library of W. Glenn and Wanda Harmon, Berkeley. It is made up of approximately 500 volumes—not elegant and expensive books, but books to be read and enjoyed by family, friends and neighbors.

"The best thing about this library", Sister Harmon comments, "is that practically every book has been read by at least one member of the family." That is as it should be. A home library should be a "usable" and a "used" library.

It contains therefore a little of everything from two sets of Encyclopedias to the years' Best Jokes.

The Standard Church Works, with supplementary and related material counts up to about 150 volumes. For example, one group of such related material is as follows: **The Bible** (5 copiies); **Holy Scripture** (inspired version by Joseph Smith); **The Interpreter's Bible** (12 large volumes); **Bible Stories for Children** (10)volumes); **Voice of Israels Prophets** by Sperry; **The World of the Prophets** by Nibley; **The First 2000 Years** by Skousen; **Isreal, Do You Know** by Richards; **On the Way to Immortality and Eternal Life** by Clark.

Other important church books are: **History of the Church** by Roberts (7 volumes) and at least one full length biography of each of the early church leaders, and several volumes of their discourses and writings.

Sets of books other than Church books include:**The Harvard Classics** (50 volumes); **Little Journeys** by Hubbard (14 volumes); **The Pocket University** (23 volumes); **Abraham Lincoln** by Sandberg (4 volumes) biographies of many famous Americans, world statesmen, scientists, artists, etc.

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Claremont Ward

Ward Conference Brings As Visitors All Stake Boards

By Ruth Garrod

Claremont Ward Conference Week began January 16. All the Stake Relief Society Board was present excepting Stake R. S. President Irene Ranker, who is traveling in the East with Dr. Ranker. Vera Reiche was present for the first time since her accident as was also Sister Gladys Anderson.

Herbert Macey conducted the MIA meeting. Other MIA board members were Kirke Decker, Zendal Hale, Jack Smith, Jay Brown, Flora Sears, Maxine Pickett, Lorraine Wilkerson, Thelma Giovanini and Sister Hilton.

We are looking forward to our most successful Gold and Green Ball and Mutual Chorus. Everyone is invited to come to sing with us.

The Primary Association was honored by Stake Officers Bessie Braby, Ann Sorenson and Marjorie Remington.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Bergeson gave a farwell party Dec. 28 for Ar Lou and Spencer Bateman, who have moved to Utah.

Mr. and Mrs. Don C. Wood went to Seattle over the New Year holiday, in spite of the floods. Brother Wood blessed his newest grandson, Joseph Bryant Wood, son of Jodine and Don Wood, Jr.

Brother Fred Hatt was called to Utah to attend the funeral of his brother.

Brother Wooley is now our ward clerk, with Ernest Ahlborn as his assistant, now that Jay Brown is the M-Men counelor for the YMMIA Stake Board. The Wooleys visited the L.A. Temple in December and report the experience as exalting.

That good looking blonde evening recepetionist at the Arthur Murray Dance Studios is none other than our own Lorraine Reed.

Tournament Date For Volley Ball Jr. Basketball Finals

The final play-off for a six-stake girl's Volley Ball Tounrament will be held in Walnut Creek on February 25. The games will precede the Y. M. junior basket ball tournament. A party will climax the evenings activities.

Kenneth Jensen is the Y. M. divisional athletic director; Rhea Gustaveson, divisional camp-sports director.

District A stakes included: Berkeley, Oakland, Palo Alto, San Jose, San Francisco, Sant Rosa.

Frank J. Fullmer Father of Localites Dies in Salt Lake

Franklin Junius Fullmer, 73, former president of the Tahitan Mission, died January 2 in a Salt Lake hospital. A prominent Salt Lake building contractor, he also was the builder of a chapel and the Mission Home in Tahiti where he and his wife Maud had served as young missionaries many years before.

Elder Fullmer was the father of Oliver Fullmer of Berkeley Second Ward and of Mrs. Maud Curtis, wife of Bishop Thomas Curtis of San Bruno Ward, and brother-in-law of Rachell.H. Ball of Berkeley First Ward.

Mohammedan Student Leaves Home, Fortune Joyful For Gospel

An interesting young Mohammedan student at the Utah Agricultural College was baptized a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints November 21, 1954 in Ogden, Utah. Now a Latter-day Saint he addressed the Berkeley Ward seminary January 18, 1955 and told his unusual story, opening and closing with prayer.

Nader Fatemi, 22, is the son of the third wealthiest man in the entire Near ffast, (his father, an importer, has offices in Baghdad, Tehran, Istambul, Syria, and other parts of southern Europe, the Caspian Sea and Mediterranean Areas) was sent to England and America by his father to study and to acquire the language for trade purposes when he should assume the business.

After a stay in England he came to America, studied in the East, met a LDS lady missionary who told him of the Gospel and the Saints of whom he had never before heard. He was only mildly interested in learning of her beliefs.

Later he came West and to the USAC, Logan, Utah because Utah and Turkey are both arid regions and have similar problems in agriculture. Here he roomed with a returned missionary with whom he discussed further the doctrines of Mormonism. However, he and the missionary disagreed so fundamentally that they parted for a time. But the ideals of the Saints continues to intrigue Nader, and he went to the library and read more of the Church.

Attended MIA

Soon he went with friends to the MIA meetings and was further impressed. A deep feeling of conviction fastened itself upon him. He now knows, he says, that it was the Holy Ghost working within him. An intense desire to be baptised came over him and he applied for baptism, but was advised to wait and study further. It was not long that his desire to be united with the Church was granted in Nov. 1954 as mentioned above.

After being baptized and having the Holy Ghost conferred upon him, his mind became lighted up still further, and he says he learned of the eternal destiny of mankind, and the true purpose of his earth life. This came as a beautiful new view of the whole life, a view that he had never been taught and that is not known by any other people than Latter-day Saints.

In speaking before the young students at the seminary on January 18, Nader stressed how highly favored they are being born in the Church and nurtured in the beautiful teachings of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

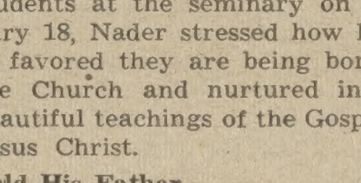
Told His Father

He wrote and told his father of his conversion, and his father was much displeased. When his time in the United States had expired and it became necessary for his return to Turkey and his family, he found that they had disowned him entirely and no one met the plane when it landed at Istambul. The family prefers to make its home in Teharan at a lovely villa in a restricted and favored region of lovely weather conditions.

"Wealth, family and money may all go", he said, "but the Church of Jesus Christ is always one's best friend". He offered his father and uncles some Church books to read but they looked over them superficially and rejected them, but Nader feels that his father must have been somewhat inspired by the ideas, but was over influenced by his environment and friends.

"I lost all my inheritable wealth and position, but when I think of eternal life, and eternal marriage and family I am joyful, and I know that sooner or later the whole world must come to the Church and learn of its teachings." he declared. "I wish to go as a missionary to my people and to all the Near East as soon as I am ready".

Nader is a linguist. He speaks Italian, Greek, Arabian, Turkish, and Persian besides English. He came to the United States in 1950 and is now 22 years old, having been born in Palermo, Italy when his father was residing there for a time in connection with his business operations. He is Turkish by race. Altho not yet a citizen of the U. S. he is in the armed services at Fort Ord at the present time, receiving Uncle Sam's $40 per month for maintenance.



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Sons Utah Pioneers In So. Calif. Donate Funds For Memorial

The California Sons of the Utah Pioneers presented a $2000 check December 6 to help finance construction of a flagstaff and pylon at Fort Moore Pioneer Mmorial at downrown Los Angeles near the City Hall.

The Mormon Battalion and other units of the U. S. Army in 1847 completed old Fort Moore and the battalion boys felled the tree and raised the flagpole where the stars and stripes were raised over the fort July 4, 1847.

Today a memorial flagstaff and pylon have been erected to mark the site of the old fort, where inscriptions tell of the battalion's part in early California history.

BY University Leads Nations Church-Related Universities and Colleges

Brigham Young University is the largets of the church related universities in the UnitedStates from the standpoint of full-time students says Raymond Walters, president of Cincinnati University in the Dec. 10, 1955 issue of "School and Society."

The next seven schools listed in the article are Roman Catholic universities; St. Louis, Marquett, Notre Dame, Boston, Fordham, Detroit and Georgetown. Number nine is Baylor University, a Southern Baptist school, and tenth is again Catholic, St. John's University.

From the standpoint of total enrollment, including both full-time and part-time students, BYU ranks fourth in all church related colleges in the nation. BYU, with 8441 students, follows St. Louis with 9408, Marquette 9123, and Detroit 9075. This in church schools.

Book Review

The Story of the Pearl of Great Price
by Dr. James R. Clark, BYU, 1955 $3.00

The book is the result of years of research and conviction that a renewed significance should be given to this standard, work of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The recodrs of Adam, Enoch, Noah and Moses in the P. of G. P. are shown as being among the first group of new revelations thru the Prophet Joseph to be used extensively to teach the doctrines of Zion and were so used for 50 years, even before they became a part of the standard works of the Church.

Dr. Clark presents a scholarly appraisal of the 1912 attempt by Protestant Episcopal Bishop Spaulding of Salt Lake City to disparage Joseph Smith's claim to Abraham and Moses in the Pearl of Great Price. He discusses the contributions of P. of G. P. is able to make to the world today.

Where Are The Mummies?

What happened to the four Egyptian mummies and the two rolls of papyrus after the death of the Prophet Joseph? Every clue is followed to answer this puzzling question.

IT'S PLEASANT TO SEE OUR PEOPLE SUCCEED

We are pleased to see a member of the Oakland Third Ward starting out for himself in the business in which he has been part owner for many years. Experience counts so much in roofing work.

Reference is made to Clarence Fulkerson whose new business is called Roof Maintenace Co. at 3316 East 22 Street, Oakland. Formerly part owner and suprintendent for Western Roofing Co., he has found it best to strike out for himself. In this we are sure all will be willing to do whatever they can to encourage him. The Messenger join in extending best wishes and in thanking Clarence for coming to the paper with his advertising.

Berkeley Institute Plans Comemoration Tenth Anniversary

The beginning of the fall semester 1956 of the Berkeley LDS Institute will mark the 10th annivesary of the Institute at the Campus of the University of California.

In commemoration of this event and of the many enduring friendships over the decade, a reunion is being planned. The date will be scheduled in August, September, or October. All former members of the Institute in the Berkeley Chapters of Lamba Delta Sigma are urged to make their plans accordingly.

A temporary comittee, headed by Harold Eldredge and Enid Young has scheduled a planning meeting for Monday, Fbruary 13, 1956, at the home of Enid Young, 646 Key Route Blvd., Albany 6. Anyone interested in asisting is invited to attend.

Former members are requested to send any suggestions prior to the meeting if they are unable to attend. More than anything else the committee says: "addresses will be appreciated."

Utah Housewife's Nat. Bonnet Sales Started In Homes

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LDS Servicemen Praised By Non-Mormon Chaplin As Light Of The World

At a LDS conference for servicemen of the Okinawa and Korea area, a non-mormon army chaplain, friendly to the Latter-day Saint boys is quoted as saying that "the lives of the LDS men are beacons... they are the light of the world."

"The world is crying for a certain something in religion that it hasn't been able to find. LDS men have that vitality of religion, that extraordinary and unusual something to offer the world.

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Leslie R. Korth

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These three issues will celebrate the Tenth Annivesary of the revival of the Messenger, April 1946, as initiated by a LDS business group. They are still known as the Liahona Club.

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This classified Directory of LDS Business People in the S.F. Bay Area (east and west sides of the bay) will be distributed in June 1956 in Booklet form for handy, permanent reference, with photographs of business quarters and personnel. Same special rates will apply.

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The next day I began to use the phrase myself. I'm grateful to my friend for those words. How much they lift the heart and spirit! God bless you.

NEWS ITEM

A book is just off the prees, entitled "SCRAPS FOR YOUR SCRAPBOOK "Mrs. Harry L. Payne, Mesa, Arizona, is the compiler and publisher of this book. This book is composed of choice thoughts, sentiments and poems, which were collected by the Late PRESIDENT HARRY L. PAYNE.

Anyone desiring to know further about this book may write to Mrs. Payne, at 460 No. Ashland, Mesa, Arizona, or I. B. Ball, 1612 Spruce, Berkeley. AS. 3-8131. Cost by mail $1.15.

Fresno Stake Shows Steady Growth

Five years ago Fresno Stake had 2800 members; today it has 4000 saints of record. Seventeen wards and branches spread over a large part of San Joaquin Valley. During the five years, three new chapels have been dedicated; a new bishop's storehouse will be completed next month. The Church has purchased ten other building sites for future chapels.

A 60-acre farm was acquired two years ago. Under President Alwyn Sessions this farm has already half paid or itsel. Grape vines occupy 30 acres of the land while plum trees cover the remaining 30 acres.

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